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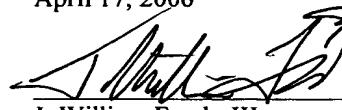
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT  
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Reubeuze et al. )  
Serial No.: 10/623,925 )  
Filed: July 21, 2003 )  
For: Hinge Mechanism for a Vehicle )  
Seat, and a Vehicle Seat Equipped with )  
Such a Mechanism )  
Group Art Unit: 3636 )  
Examiner: Rodney Barnett White )  
Docket No.: 28944/40074 )  
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In response to the Office action dated January 17, 2006, please consider the following remarks:

**Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.**